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## [REDACTED] IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE [REDACTED]

APPLICANTS : NICKEL, Oliver  
SERIAL NO. : 09/431,849  
FILED : 2 November 1999  
FOR : MASKING STRIP AND USE THEREOF  
ART UNIT : 1774  
EXAMINER : Lawrence D. Ferguson

17 January 2003

Box AF  
Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the Final Office Action dated 18 October 2002 of the primary Examiner finally rejecting Claims 2-9 and 12.

The period for response to the final rejection was set to expire on 18 January 2003.

Charge the appeal fee of:

\$320.00  
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CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If any extension of time for this response is required, applicants request that this be considered a petition therefor. Please charge the required petition fee to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

ADDITIONAL FEE

Please charge any insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess, to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

Respectfully submitted,

NORRIS, McLAUGHLIN & MARCUS, P.A.

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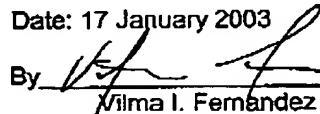
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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted via facsimile to: Box AF, The Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on the date indicated below.

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